

THE PRESIDENT'S LAST DAY DESCRIBED IN DETAIL.

Slight Improvement During Earlier Hours of the Day Gave Nation a Little Hope, but as the Afternoon Grew Old the Fact That Death Would Win the Battle Became Apparent and at Sunset It Was Announced "The President Is Dying."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Buffalo, Sept. 13.—Hope and fear alternated all day among the watchers in and around the Milburn house. Every fragment of information was eagerly sought in the hope that it might be construed to mean that the danger had passed, and that reasonable hope of the President's recovery might be entertained. Members of the President's family, the physicians, the officials of the Government and all who passed in and out of the house during the day were questioned as to the President's condition, but little of an encouraging nature could be learned.

The truth was too evident to be passed over or concealed. The President's life was hanging in the balance. The watchers felt that at any moment might come the announcement of a change which would fore-shadow the end.

When the slight improvement noted in the early bulletins was maintained during the afternoon and it was learned that the President was taking small quantities of nourishment, hope rose that he would pass the crisis in safety. Everybody knew, and no attempt was made to conceal it, that the coming night would, in all human probability, decide whether the President was to live or die. It was known that he was being kept alive by heart stimulants, and that the physicians had obtained a supply of oxygen to be administered if the worst came.

TREES PLEASE THE EYE OF DYING PRESIDENT.

During the day President McKinley was conscious when he was not sleeping. Early in the morning, when he awoke, he looked out of the window and saw that the sky was overcast with heavy clouds.

"It is not so bright as it was yesterday," said he. His eyes then caught the waving leaves of the trees glistening with rain. Their bright green evidently made an agreeable impression upon him.

"It is pleasant to see them," said he, feebly.

As fast as steam could bring them, the members of the President's Cabinet, his relatives and the physicians, a host of Buffalo, convinced that the President would recover, were whirled back to this city. They went at once to the house in which he was lying and the information which they obtained there was of a nature to heighten rather than to relieve their fears.

All night the doctors had worked in the sickroom to keep the President alive.

PRESIDENT FULLY REALIZED HIS CRITICAL CONDITION.

The day broke with a gloomy sky and a pouring rain. It seemed as though nature was sympathizing with the gloom which surrounded the President's condition, about which the sentries were steadily marching. Secretary Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn had announced at half past 4 o'clock that the efforts of the doctors had produced a rally.

Mrs. McKinley was then sleeping and great care was taken to prevent her from being awakened. Doctor Mann and Doctor Myer had left the house for a brief rest. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture came out about 5 o'clock. "The President is rallying," said he, "but he has been so very long that the doctors had to use stimulants to keep him up. He may have

reached the lowest point. That I cannot tell. But, at any rate, he is not as low as he was an hour ago."

Secretary Wilson returned half an hour later and announced that the President was conscious and fully realized his condition. He added that the improvement was maintained. Doctor Rixey left the house for a breath of air at half past 5 o'clock.

"The President is holding his own," said he. "I hope the rally will last. I do not admit that the case is hopeless."

NINE O'CLOCK BULLETIN SLIGHTLY ENCOURAGING.

Secretary Hitchcock and Mr. Milburn appeared soon after the President awoke, at half past 6 o'clock. They said that both Doctor Rixey and Doctor Stockton believed the President still had a fighting chance. "I do not haul down the flag yet," said Mr. Milburn. No bulletin was issued at 6 o'clock, as has been usual since the President fell ill.

Almost as soon as it became light men and women began to gather at the ropes which have been stretched across the streets a block away in each direction from the Milburn house. As the day wore on the crowds increased, and were even greater than they were on the day after the President was shot.

After the wounds had been dressed and the morning consultation held the President's physicians issued a 9 o'clock bulletin, which read as follows:

"The President's condition has somewhat improved during the last few hours. There is a better response to stimulation. He is conscious and free from pain. Pulse, 128; temperature, 99.8. P. M. Rixey, H. D. Mann, Roswell Park, Herman Myer, Eugene Wastin, Charles G. Stockton, George B. Cortelyou, Secretary to the President."

DOCTORS REPORT SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT ONLY.

Doctor Mann and Doctor Myer came out of the house at a quarter before 10 o'clock, after the first bulletin of the day had been issued. They were immediately besieged by questioners seeking to learn exactly what was going on in the sickroom and what was to be feared.

"Is the President conscious?" was asked.

"He is," replied Doctor Mann.

"Have you given up hope?"

"By no means," replied the surgeon.

"Is he better than when you last saw him?"

"He is better than he was in the early hours of the morning," replied Doctor Mann.

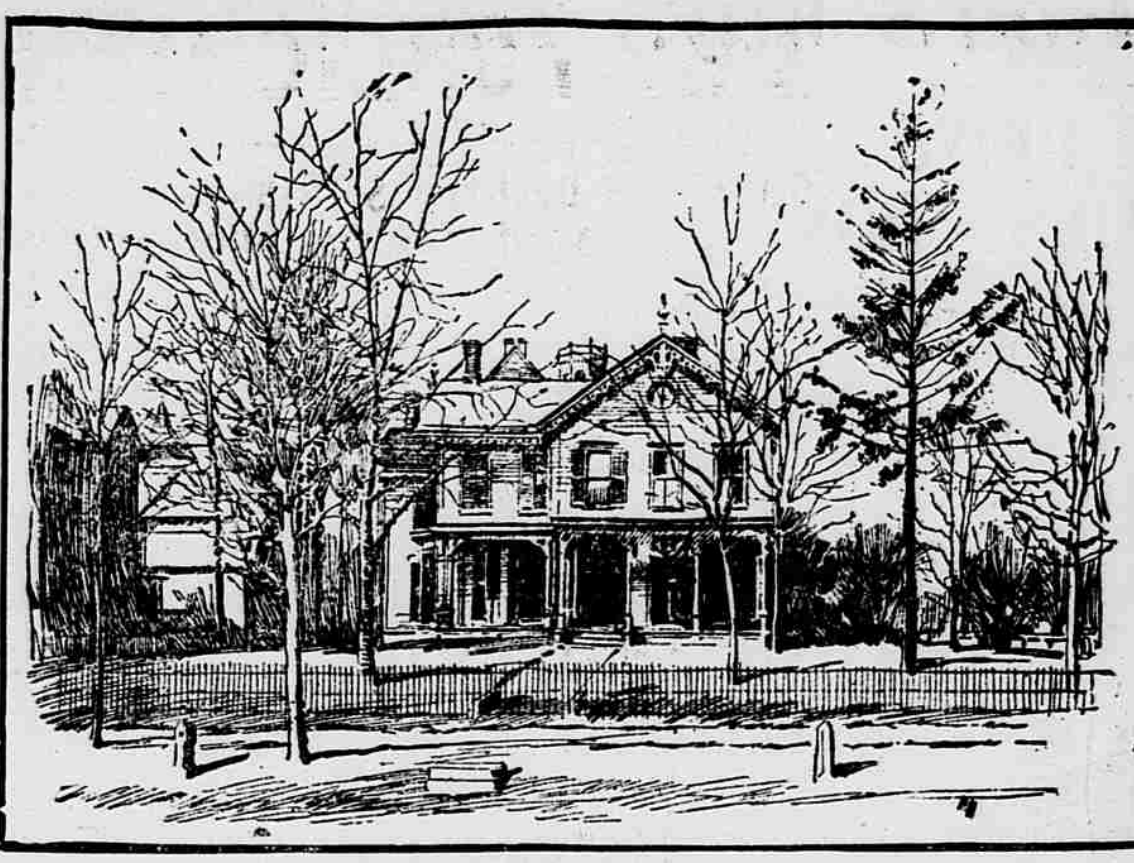
It was during the early hours of the morning that the President's sinking spell was at its worst, so that those who heard Doctor Mann's reply to draw but little encouragement from his words. Doctor Myer could say nothing that seemed more favorable.

"I am not absolutely without hope," said Doctor Myer. "The President has a fighting chance, but I would be more hopeful if the day had passed and he had gained a little strength. There has been some improvement since the early morning, but it has been very slight. The trouble lies with his heart. We are stimulating it, and our treatment has been fairly successful."

"Do you still hope to save the President's life?"

Doctor Myer hesitated before he answered.

"I will say," he replied finally, "that I



THE MCKINLEY HOME IN CANTON, OHIO.

do not consider the case absolutely hopeless."

HANNA HURRIES TO BUFFALO BY SPECIAL TRAIN.

But little encouragement was drawn from the bulletin issued at 9 o'clock. It was noted that, while the President's temperature had fallen, his pulse had risen five beats in the minute, from 122 to 123, which showed that his heart was beating like the ticking of a watch.

The conclusion was drawn that the apparent improvement in his condition was due solely to the action of the digitalis, strychnine and other medicine that had been given to sustain the heart action.

Senator Hanna, who went to Cleveland the day before yesterday, jubilant in the certainty that the President was going to get well and that he might safely attend the meeting of the G. A. R. in his home city, reached the Milburn house at two minutes before 10 o'clock. He was one of the first to be informed last night of the alarming symptoms which had made their appearance.

Senator Hanna, in his anxiety to reach the President's bedside, had come from Cleveland, a distance of 183 miles, at the rate of sixty-eight miles an hour. When he received word of the unfavorable turn of affairs in the Milburn house, he telephoned to the officials of the Lake Shore road to make him up a special train immediately.

It consisted of four cars and a locomotive. It left Cleveland at twenty-four minutes after 6 o'clock and reached Buffalo at twenty-six minutes to 10 o'clock.

MRS. MCKINLEY KEPT IN SUSPENSE ALL DAY.

With Senator Hanna came Mrs. Hanna, Judge Day of Canton, Colonel Myron P. Herrick of Cleveland, Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, Mrs. Duncan and Miss McKinley, sisters of the President; Miss Duncan and Mrs. Herrick. They joined Secretaries Wilson and Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baer, Abram McKinley, Mrs. Lafayette McKim, John N. Schuchter and Representative Alexander, who were in the house.

The new arrivals were immediately informed of the critical condition of the President and their faces, which had been grave, became still graver as they listened.

James F. Chad called at the house at 10 o'clock.

"There is some nervousness inside, I will admit," said he when he came out.

"Has Mrs. McKinley learned of the President's true condition?" was asked.

"She is somewhat worried," replied Mr. Chad.

"As she has not yet seen her husband, she started to make her regular morning visit, but was told that she had better postpone it for a time. She was surprised, because she did not understand why it was deemed better for her not to see him."

Word was received during the morning from the absent officials of the Government and friends who had been notified of the President's release. It was known that they were hurrying back to this city from the various points to which they had come after leaving here.

Vice President Roosevelt sent word from the Adirondack camp, where he had hardly arrived before the recall reached him, that he would return as quickly as possible.

STEPS TAKEN TO NOTIFY THE VICE PRESIDENT.

Anley Wilcox, who entertained Vice President Roosevelt while he was in Buffalo earlier in the week, and who is a close personal friend, explained the steps that had been taken to notify the Vice President, the importance of whose presence in this city was becoming hourly of greater importance.

"I telephoned and telegraphed to William Loeb, the Vice President's secretary, in Albany, at 5 o'clock this morning."

"He arranged immediately for a special train to take him to the Adirondacks. Mr. Roosevelt was going out into the woods today, and was undoubtedly prepared to stay."

In the morning, on the advice of the surgeon, Doctor Edward Janeway of New York City and Doctor W. W. Johnson of Washington were summoned. Mr. Buchanan said that the two physicians would arrive during the evening, and that the surgeons had done their worst.

Governor Yates of Illinois called at the house about half past 11 o'clock to get news of the President's condition and also to confer with Secretary Cortelyou in regard to Illinois Day at the Pan-American Exposition. With him was Colonel Russell B. Harrison of Indianapolis, who is a member of Governor Durbell's staff.

"I talked with Mr. Milburn about postponing Illinois Day," said Governor Yates, "but they told me they were hopeful that the ceremonies could be held as they had been planned. If the President's condition does not improve, however, the ceremonies will be postponed."

Colonel Harrison said that the Indiana day exercises which were to have been held to-morrow, would not take place.

"A patient may continue in the condition in which the President now is," he said, "for some time, and then improve or not, as the case may develop. The President is in a very serious condition, but it is absurd to say that he is dying."

Colonel Herrick left the Milburn house at a quarter past 12 o'clock for luncheon.

"All I can say," said he, "is that there is a fighting chance. There is nothing new from the sickroom."

Senator Hanna left the house at 12:30 looking very grave.

"I am always hopeful," said the Senator. "That is my nature. When I drove up this morning I saw a rainbow in the sky, and I

WASHINGTON SHOCKED BY NEWS.

Cabinet Officers Could Hardly Believe the President Was Dying—Steps Taken Immediately to Notify the Nations of the World—Services Held at Churches During the Day.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The news that President McKinley was dying came as a crushing blow to the nation's capital. Nowhere, perhaps, had the citizens been so full of confidence in the ultimate recovery of their beloved President, and the buoyant bulletins of the last week from the sick bed had lulled them into a false sense of security which made the shock terrible when the news that the Buffalo tragedy would have a fatal ending came to them.

All day long the bulletin boards were surrounded by crowds waiting in suppressed excitement for the latest word from the Milburn home, and numerous newspaper extras were eagerly snapped up. Little work was done in the great executive departments, at the slightest excuse, the clerks dropped their pens and turned to talk in a small, awe-stricken group of the chances that their chief magistrate had against death in the gallant struggle he was making in the far-away city on the lake.

CABINET OFFICERS PREPARE TO TAKE NEEDED ACTION.

The three Cabinet officers in the city today were pictures of distress. Two days ago Secretary Hay had left his chief apartment on the road to recovery, and to-day Postmaster General Smith, who had left Buffalo even later and arrived here this morning, said that when he came from the Milburn home yesterday the President was, according to his best information, surely on the mend.

The Postmaster General returned to Buffalo on the 7:30 train to-night. Secretary Hay had engaged accommodations on tonight's New England train, intending to return to his New Hampshire summer home for much-needed rest, but canceled the order early in the day, as on him devolved the important functions at once on the President's demise.

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ANARCHISTS' CASES NOT DECIDED.

Court Will To-Day Rule Whether Emma Goldman and the Six Chicagoans, Arrested the Day After the President Was Shot, May Be Held as a Precautionary Measure.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Hearing on the writ of habeas corpus issued Wednesday for the release of the anarchists under arrest here began before Judge Cretin in the Criminal Court at 11:40 a. m. to-day.

The writ of habeas corpus having been complied with by the production of the nine prisoners in court, counsel then made returns in behalf of the Sheriff, the Chief of Police and Justice Prindiville, who, according to the petition, held the prisoners under restraint illegally. The prisoners brought into court were Abraham Isaacs, Hippolyte Havel, Henry Travaglio, Michael Rose, Martin Rosenick and Morris J. Fox. Emma Goldman was not present, but Justice Prindiville had promised to follow whatever decision was made by Judge Cretin.

The cases were postponed until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, no decision being given on any of the points raised.

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(Signed) GEORGE K. NASH.
By the Governor:
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they were being held without a shadow of legal reason. Attorney Sallie claimed all the papers in the case were insufficient and were issued under false pretense.

Attorney Taylor, for the city, arose and said the only question before the court was the adequate jurisdiction of the Justice court, that is, the jurisdiction of Magistrate Prindiville. His argument was technical, tending to uphold the authority of the lower court and the legality of the official acts of Magistrate Prindiville.

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posted, was communicated quietly through the crowd, which did not disperse until the final bulletin announcing the President's death was posted.

At 5 o'clock, when the first bulletin announcing the President's death was posted, there was a roar of grief from the large crowd assembled before the office. The crowd was in charge of Morton Charles Thompson, No. 401 South Broadway, and the crowd was in charge of Morton Charles Thompson, No. 401 South Broadway, and the crowd was in charge of Morton Charles Thompson, No. 401 South Broadway.

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CHILD RUN DOWN BY CAR.
Rosie Russell Sustains Injuries Which May Cause Her Death.

Rosie Russell, 10 years old, of No. 401 North Broadway, was run over by car No. 346 of the Broadway line in front of her home yesterday afternoon and sustained injuries which may result in her death.

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